

Community Needs Assessment Workgroup

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Participant Contact List

See attachment

WorkGroup Lead

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Background

No comprehensive community health needs assessment addressing public health issues has been conducted in Frederick County. The absence of comprehensive statistically significant data on nationally validated questions has impaired the ability of numerous county agencies and organizations to be competitive with grant submissions. The Board of County Commissioners approved \$134,500 to conduct a community health needs assessment this year. The general concept is outlined below. More details will be made available in the Request for Proposals, which the Health Department is drafting.

First Stage

Develop a community profile from existing data and present to the Needs Assessment Workgroup.

Second stage

Identify gaps in data. Develop survey tool with guidance from the Needs Assessment Workgroup. Administration of survey. It was suggested that US Census worker volunteers in Frederick County could be approached to assist depending upon how survey is to be distributed/administered.

Potential Areas/Issues for Exploration

Per capita drug cost

Medication expenditures – out of pocket; should be getting, but not; mental health

Mental health

Drug use

Alcohol use

Diabetes

High blood pressure

Medical supplies – test strips; durable medical equipment; have, need, how pay for medical equipment

Non-English speaking population

Knowledge of how to take care of themselves – comfortable

Have primary care doc/medical home

Have dentist

Chronic illness

What are biggest needs – chronic illness?

Prenatal care – lack of

Food bank, soup kitchen usage
Breakdown Medicaid types
Employment
Employer based health care – available? Affordable?
Give plans for how to reach underserved populations/communities
How difficult to navigate health care systems
Have questions, but not asked
Screening tests
Need support and is it available (family, church, government)
Transportation
Zip code/census tract
Screening or prevention
Obesity
Children's disorders – e.g.: ADHD – diagnosis
Caregiver to someone in home and unable to get care
Day care or pre-school – spending, % income
If caregiver – availability of respite care
Long-term care insurance
Nutrition
Physical activity
Knowledge of resources available in community
Hospice
Asthma
Smokers – household number, if children in household
Tobacco cessation – want to, doc talk
Perceive health, poor health.....
Sleep disorders
Occupational health concerns
Safety equipment offered by employer? Do you use it?
Personal health risks related to occupation
Commuters – travel time
Exercise – time/amount
Acid reflux/heartburn

Third Stage

Analysis of data and presentation of findings. Develop plan for future updates of data.

Next Meeting

Monday, **September 18th** at **4:00-5:30pm** at the Frederick County Health Department, auditorium, 350 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Entrances C and B are the most direct.